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Await Blastoff

The Apollo 14 astronauts, Stuart Roosa, left, Alan Shepard, center, and Edgar Mitchell, right, are in anticipation of Sunday's blastoff to the moon. Preparations completed, relaxed at Cape Kennedy (UPI)

Apollo Countdown Halted Momentarily

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — The Apollo 14 countdown, interrupted momentarily by a report of possible trouble, moved smoothly ahead Saturday night toward Sunday's blastoff of one of the most crucial space missions in U.S. annals.

About 7:30 p.m., EST, the space agency signaled potential trouble with an announcement that the rollback of the Saturn 5 service tower would be delayed for several hours for an investigation of a possible problem with an insulation panel protecting supercold fuels in the second stage of the Saturn 5 rocket.

The problem turned out to be a superficial scratch on the panel, the launch team said. The tower was moved back two hours late and the nearly flawless countdown continued.

The Apollo 14 astronauts have much at stake on their voyage. If they succeed, the three-man crew commanded by the oldest of the spacemen, 47-year-old Alan B. Shepard Jr., could bring back fascinating clues to the convulsive birth of the moon and the solar system nearly five billion years ago.

If they fail, as the Apollo 13 crew did when an oxygen tank explosion forced them to limp home with the lunar module as a lifeboat, the remainder of the Apollo program could be in jeopardy.

On the eve of the flight, Shepard and his fellow crewmen, Edgar D. Mitchell and Stuart A. Roosa, relaxed and scheduled a visit with their families through a glass partition that has helped isolate them against disease germs since Jan. 11.

A Saturn rocket, unleashing a thrust of 7.9 million pounds, is scheduled to lift off the pad at 3:23 p.m. EST, hurling the redesigned spacecraft on the road to the jagged highlands of the moon 228,899 miles away.

A crowd estimated by officials at 500,000 was expected to line the beaches, rivers and roadsides of the Cape area to watch the fiery Saturn lift off.

President Nixon will watch on television from St. Johns in the Virgin Islands, where he is vacationing. Nearly 4,000 celebrities—high U.S. government officials, foreign royalty, movie stars, industrial giants and others—will feel the shock waves of liftoff from VIP sites three miles from the pad.

If the flight goes as planned, Apollo 14 will go into lunar orbit at 2:01 a.m., Feb. 4. After a day

of circling the moon, Shepard and Mitchell will transfer into the lunar module Antares for

While Roosa orbits alone in the command ship Kitty Hawk, the others will spend nearly 34

Facts—Figures

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — Facts and figures of the Apollo 14 mission:

Launch time: 3:23 p.m. EST Sunday.

Astronauts: Navy Capt. Alan B. Shepard Jr., 47; Navy Cmdr. Edgar D. Mitchell, 40; Air Force Maj. Stuart A. Roosa, 37.

Purpose: Man's third moon landing. Shepard and Mitchell are to attempt a landing in the rugged highlands of Fra Mauro on the eastern edge of the Ocean of Storms. Here they are to deploy a nuclear-powered science station and hopefully find rocks dating 4.6 billion years to the origin of the moon.

Length of time on the moon:

33½ hours, including 8-10 hours outside on two excursions.

Names of the spaceships: Command ship, Kitty Hawk; lunar module, Antares.

Flight duration: 9 days, 41 minutes.

Rocket: three-stage Saturn 5, which with Apollo 14 spacecraft stands 363 feet tall. The world's most powerful rocket, with a first-stage thrust of 7.9 million pounds.

Cost of mission: Saturn \$185 million; command ship \$55 million; lunar module \$40 million; launch operations, including recovery operations \$95 million; scientific package \$25 million. total \$400 million.

the tricky descent to the jagged Fra Mauro region on the eastern shore of the moon's dry Ocean of Storms.

hours on the lunar surface and make two outside explorations lasting four to five hours each. Both walks will be televised to

earth—the first extensive live color television from the moon.

Since the Apollo 13 explosion, which investigators blamed on a "serious oversight" in design and testing of the oxygen tank, the Apollo 14 craft has been redesigned. It has a third oxygen tank isolated from the others and more battery power to get the spaceship home from any point on the route. Electrical wiring and all combustible material was removed from inside the tanks and a better trouble warning system installed.

Shepard and Mitchell will be the fifth and sixth men to step on the moon, following the Apollo 11 and 12 crews of 1969.

Grounded for years by an inner ear ailment, Shepard never stopped believing that some day he would fly to the moon. It was an ambition nourished since the days of the original seven astronauts.

An operation corrected the ailment and his opportunity came.

Mitchell, the 40-year-old lunar

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Enemy Buildup in Laos Pounded by U.S. Planes

SAIGON (AP) — About 400 U.S. bombers pounded southern Laos and the northwest corner of South Vietnam Saturday in around-the-clock raids aimed at an ominous enemy buildup of men and supplies.

The intensified bombings, coupled with statements by Secretary of State William P. Rogers in Washington fanned speculation there that a large South Vietnamese ground drive into Laos was imminent.

If so, the objective would be to sever the Ho Chi Minh trail in southern Laos—the jungle-hidden network of roads and byways that is North Vietnam's only way to send reinforcements and supplies to its soldiers in South Vietnam and Cambodia.

Intelligence reports indicate a major dry-season buildup by the North Vietnamese along the trail, notably near the outlets leading into the sensitive northern sector of South Vietnam.

Apparently, despite the four-month-old U.S. aerial campaign by B-52 Stratofortresses and smaller fighter-bombers, the North Vietnamese are pushing through sizable numbers of supply-laden trucks. At least enough trucks have arrived to alarm allied commanders over the threat the buildup poses to the withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam.

Rogers, at a news conference in Washington Friday also voiced concern over the North Vietnamese buildup and its threat to the American pullout.

So far the major U.S. counteraction has been the sustained aerial bombing in Laos and in the northwest corner of South Vietnam in the Khe Sanh area close to the Laotian frontier.

U.S. B-52 bombers struck Saturday near Khe Sanh for the third successive day and for the seventh time in the last two weeks.

Khe Sanh is a former U.S. Marine base where in 1968 the Marines withstood a 77-day artillery and mortar siege and

abandoned it shortly after the siege was lifted.

In line with the intensification of the U.S. bombing campaign, the 7th Fleet beefed up its striking power by stationing two air-

craft carriers instead of one in the Gulf of Tonkin.

A third U.S. carrier was being held in reserve. The three can

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NEWS IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon officials predicted Saturday that the number of jobs in the defense industry will be on the upswing next fiscal year despite a big drop since 1969.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Two men staged India's first air hijacking Saturday, forcing an Indian Airlines passenger plane with 32 persons aboard to fly to Pakistan.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army said Saturday that Maj. Gen. Samuel W. Koster, cleared Friday of criminal charges in the alleged My Lai massacre, has been censured and could receive further administrative penalties.

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Tighten Legislation To Control Spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration is tightening its special revenue-sharing legislation to keep at least a thread of federal control over local spending of the shared funds.

The rules to be proposed will not be as restrictive as grant-in-aid programs, officials say, but will be designed to ensure that federal money flowing to states, cities and counties will be spent for the broad purposes outlined.

The special revenue-sharing

legislation calls for eventually replacing more than 100 grant-in-aid programs set up for specific purposes.

Nixon has called for \$11 billion to be spent on special revenue sharing in the first full year. The money is to go for six broad purposes—urban community development, rural community development, education, manpower training, law enforcement and transportation.

The problem is tied in closely with the attempted dismantling of present grant-in-aid programs.

What happens, for instance, if federal funds now going for poverty-ridden school children should be spent for a new office for the superintendent?

Using that example, a Treasury Department official said the administration is considering two approaches:

—Write the distribution formula so that the money earmarked for education would go to areas with the highest number of poverty-stricken children.

—Specify in the legislation that a certain portion of the federal money going to the school districts would have to be used to benefit poor kids.

Other rules are being considered, but the basic idea is to make sure that all the strings of federal control are not removed.

In addition to special revenue-sharing, Nixon has proposed \$5 billion in general shared revenues, presumably no-strings-attached, block grants to states, counties and cities.

Truman Sleeps Through Fire

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Former President Harry S. Truman, recovering at Research Hospital from an intestinal ailment, slept undisturbed Saturday through a fire in the hospital's coffee shop.

The fire, starting from an overheated deep fryer, spread up a grease chute in the shop's kitchen causing \$1,000 in damage. No patients were evacuated.

Truman was allowed to sleep through the fire in his third-floor room.

Saturday was his 10th day of treatment for what has been diagnosed as diverticulitis, an irritation of the large intestine.

Plan Music Program To Raise Funds

Tickets will go on sale Feb. 8 for a benefit country and western music program designed to raise funds for William Fry, the 10-year-old Tipton boy awaiting a kidney donation in a Chicago hospital.

Mrs. Toni Siegel, program chairman, announced Saturday the Country Squires with the Nashville Sound and Shoji Tabuchi, "the fiddling Japanese cowboy," will be among the performers at the benefit. Other artists for the show, scheduled to start 2 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Agriculture Building of the fairgrounds, will be announced later. The benefit was originally scheduled as two shows.

The "William Fry Medical Expense Account" in the Sedalia Bank and Trust Co. totaled \$1,862.08 Friday afternoon, reported Mrs. Siegel, who represents Epsilon Beta sorority. The fund-raisers' goal for the expensive operation is \$40,000.

Mrs. Siegel noted that the Fry boy is making progress and is scheduled to return to Missouri as soon as a hospital with an available kidney machine can be located. She added that another progress report should be available Monday.

The recently-expanded board of directors of the fund also announced a community auction will be held at 10 a.m. March 4 at the Wood Dale Ranch on Route 4, with the proceeds going to the medical expense account.

Mrs. Siegel appealed to area residents to contribute any salable goods, from cars and household furnishings to livestock and farm implements, to the auction.

Furniture and household articles can be deposited with Bill Franken at the old Sedalia business college, 605 South Massachusetts, Mrs. Siegel said. Farm implements, feed and livestock can be taken directly to Joseph L. Reine at the Wood Dale Ranch. Reine originated the idea of the auction and set the goal at \$40,000.

Those who want auction articles picked up or need more information are asked to call 826-6307 or 826-8262.

WEATHER

There will be considerable cloudiness with colder temperatures expected today and a chance of intermittent snow. The high today is expected to be around 32 with a low tonight in the upper teens.

Sunset tonight will be at 5:33 p.m.; sunrise tomorrow will be at 7:19 a.m.

Continue Berlin Blockade As Brandt Stresses Ties

BERLIN (AP) — A virtual East German land blockade of Berlin went into its fourth day Saturday, with Chancellor Willy Brandt defiantly stressing West Berlin's ties to West Germany.

President Gustav Heinemann, one of the West German political figures to whose presence the Communists objected, bringing on the autobahn harassment, decided unexpectedly to stay an extra day in West Berlin.

He told West German farm youth representatives who met with him in his Berlin residence

that the Communist harassment had taken on dimensions that "come close to being a blockade."

Heinemann said the latest disruptions showed how important it is to free West Berlin from disruptive actions that threaten the foundations of its economic existence.

As Brandt spoke to Social Democratic party rally for March 14 city elections, border officers were reporting road delays of up to 23 hours, despite lessened traffic. East German trucks also were caught in the

long lines, moving ahead only as their turns came.

The East German pressure tactics are aimed at breaking West Germany's ties with West Berlin, ties disputed by the Communists, cautiously endorsed by the Western allies who want to safeguard their own rights and considered absolutely necessary and rightful by the West Germans.

The city lies behind 120 miles of Communist-ruled East Germany.

With four power talks on Berlin and his government's own dialogue with East Germany about to resume, Brandt was careful in his direct references to the current period of delays.

He said such harassment could not be tolerated. He added there would be no ratification of Bonn's pact with Moscow without a Berlin agreement, and the Russians knew it. He called for the right of free assembly in Berlin while again stressing West German and West Berlin ties.

But Brandt offered little concrete in the way of what would happen if the East Germans kept up their harassing tactics and the Russians continued open support of East German attempts to break Bonn's ties with Berlin.

The autobahn harassment gave no indication of ending although the original reason for its taking place, a meeting of West German Free Democratic party state parliamentarians had ended.

Flat Creek Project Included in Budget

The Nixon administration announced Friday it has included \$41,000 in its 1972 fiscal year budget for the Flat Creek flood control project, Missouri's congressional delegation has announced. The amount is the largest allocated to the project since it was authorized in 1965.

The Army Corps of Engineers is presently completing the final half of a two-part study to determine the ecological aspects of the project. The study, authorized in June, 1970, delayed the scheduled project completion until March, 1972.

Keystone of the flood control project will be a Flat Creek basin reservoir. Two sites near

Sedalia are presently under consideration, one 5 miles south of the city which would involve a 129-square-mile reservoir, and the other 11 miles southwest of the city covering 61 square miles.

Corps of Engineer officials plan to meet with local government representatives sometime this year to confer on results of the Corps study.

The proposed reservoir, if completed, will provide the area with a source of water and recreation and flood control.

Since 1965, when Congress first authorized the Flat Creek study, \$53,000 has been spent on the project.

Participates in National Test

Ham radio operators in Pettis County took part in a national simulated emergency test Saturday, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League.

One local operator, the Rev. Gregory Hibbard, 2414 Golf, reported that the test was designed to flood as many messages as possible on emergency frequencies to determine the accuracy and speed of delivery of the messages.

The test's purpose was to prepare amateur radiomen for handling messages during a real national or regional emergency, Mr. Hibbard said.

Many areas transmitted simulated emergency data, but Pettis County ham operations sent routine test messages, according to Mr. Hibbard.

He reported that about 32 hams operate in the county, and about 6,000 in the state. The test included all of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Hibbard noted that the test is valuable experience for local ham operations who have been pressed into service during emergencies just within the past year.

A number of area amateur radio operators relayed emergency messages from cities struck by hurricane Camille last summer and from people in Lubbock, Tex., after a devastating tornado last fall.



On the Air

Amateur radio operator the Rev. Gregory Hibbard checks with another ham operator during a national simulated emergency test conducted Saturday by the American Radio Relay League. Mr. Hibbard, who has been

licensed by the FCC for 18 years, was one of several area ham operators who relayed messages from stricken areas during the Hurricane Camille disaster last summer. (Democrat-Capital Photo)

Missouri-Pacific Route Would Include Sedalia

(Democrat-Capital Service)

JEFFERSON CITY — A rail passenger route hookup in the National Rail Passenger System (Railpax) between St. Louis and Kansas City could include Sedalia if the trains are routed along the Missouri Pacific tracks, according to Chairman William R. Clark of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

The Department of Transportation announced last week that the two largest Missouri cities would be part of a Railpax line originating in New York City.

Secretary of Transportation John Volpe is expected to announce soon whether the trains will operate in Missouri on the Norfolk and Western or Missouri Pacific tracks.

"We are pleased that this route has been added to the Railpax plan," Clark said. "It has always been our contention that the St. Louis-Kansas City link is important not only to Missouri, but as part of the cross-country passenger operations."

The National Rail Passenger corporation will operate Railpax when it begins operation May 1. It is designed to prevent the complete abandonment of intercity rail passenger service. The corporation is also charged with revitalizing rail passenger service on a sound financial basis modeled on private enterprise.

Volpe said that the route through Missouri would terminate in Los Angeles.

Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award Nominations Are Completed



Adam Fischer

Eight additional young men have been nominated for the Sedalia Jaycees Distinguished Service Award bringing the total nominated to 13. According to Dr. Stephen Poort and Wayne Lett, co-chairmen, nominations have closed and judging will be completed this week.

The winner of the annual award will be announced Friday at the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award Banquet to be held at Smith-Cotton High School cafeteria. Speaker for the evening will be Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton.

The Sedalia Rotary Club has nominated Sam R. Morton, 315 West 20th. Morton is married and the father of two children. An active member of the Methodist Church, Morton also belongs to the Young Republicans, Chamber of Commerce and the City Retail Merchants Committee.

He serves as president of the Thompson Hills Merchants Association and vice president of the Mid-Missouri Independent Basketball Association. He is manager of Consumers Market. A member of the Jaycees, he serves on the board of directors and has worked on numerous projects.



Dick Ink

Adam Fischer, Pettis County prosecuting attorney, has been nominated by the Pettis County Women's Democratic Club. Fischer and his wife and two daughters reside at 2517 Southwest Boulevard. Fischer has served as president of the Pettis County Bar Association and as city prosecuting attorney. He holds memberships in many state and national legal organizations and has taught legal courses at Central Missouri State College.

Fischer has served on steering and speaking committees for bond issues for the new city hall, airport expansion, junior high school, junior college and Pettis County jail. He is a member of the Sacred Heart Parish Council, chairman of the professional division of the United Fund, a member of the board of the University of Missouri Extension Council and president of the Pettis County Welfare Advisory Board. As 1969-70 president of the Jaycees, he led the organization from 42 members to 108 members.

The Sedalia Real Estate Board has chosen Richard F. Ink, 1003 Royal Boulevard as



David B. Herndon

their nominee. Ink and his wife have two sons. He is general manager for Kroger Family Center and was recently promoted to manage the Manhattan, Kan., Krogers Store.

Ink moved to Sedalia in September, 1969, to supervise the development of the Kroger Family Center. He served as a member of the board of directors for the Children's Therapy Center and was co-chairman of the 1970 Therapy Center Bond Drive. He also served as co-chairman of the 1970 Heart Fund Drive. As a member of the Jaycees he has held numerous chairmanships.

David Bernard Herndon, 705 West Cooper, has been nominated by the Northside Citizens Association. He is married and the father of two daughters.

Employed by Beatrice Foods, Herndon is active in Little League athletics. He is a member of the Little League Board and a past vice president of the board. He is a member of

the Little League Football board and has worked with these organizations to complete their constitutions and bylaws.



James Gwinn

He serves as a member of the Human Rights Commission of Sedalia and is first vice president of the Northside Citizens Association. As a member of the board of directors of the Jaycees, Herndon is responsible for the youth and sports activities of the club. He is an active member of the Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church.

The Noon Optimist Club selected James T. Gwinn, 1614 East 14th, as its nominee. A cost accountant for Olin Conductors, Gwinn is married and the father of two children.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church, serves as deacon, church training director, chairman of the finance committee and a member of the church council. He is a full-time student at Central Missouri State College completing requirements for a degree in business administration.

Serving on the Sedalia City Council, he is chairman of the street and alley committee and chairman of the Industrial Development Board. He is also a member of the city's finance committee and traffic committee.

William Leslie Wheeler Jr.,



William Wheeler

owner of the Hughesville Locker Plant, has been nominated by the Hughesville Community Betterment Club. He is married and the father of a son and daughter.

Wheeler is a member of the Hughesville town board of trustees and serves as a member of the Hughesville Volunteer Fire Association. He has aided in the organization of law enforcement for the community and is serving as deputy marshal. He is a member of the industrial development committee of the Hughesville MCB and serves as a leader for the Northwest 4-H Club.



Robert Burke

Robert J. Burke, 2206 West Fourth, has been nominated by the Sedalia Jaycees. The sales manager for Inter-State Studio, Inc., he is married and the father of two daughters.

A member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, he is active in church work.

As a member of the Jaycees since 1966, Burke has held chairmanships of the TV auction, bond drives, Honey Week, and served on the board of directors. In 1968 he was chosen Jaycee of the Year and in 1969-70 was honored as the Outstanding Board Member. He is currently serving as president of the organization.

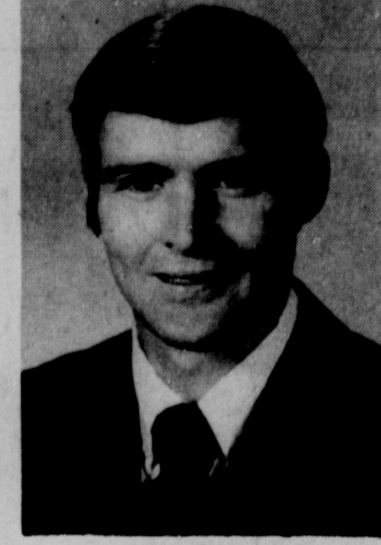


Mike Rooks

The Superintendent of Schools at LaMonte nominated Michael Murphy Rooks, 314 South Park. Rooks is married and at 23 is the youngest of the nominees.

He is a member of the Sedalia Jaycees, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national honorary music fraternity, and serves as director of music at Wesley United Methodist Church. He and his wife also sponsor the Methodist Youth Fellowship of that church and he is a Sunday School teacher.

Rooks is now a music teacher in the Pettis R-IV schools and teaches elementary and high school vocal and instrumental music.



Sam Morton

Candidates for the Distinguished Service Award must be between the ages of 21 and 35. Judging is based on an entry blank submitted by the nominating organization, signed by the candidate and judged by an independent group of judges.

The winner of the local award will be entered in the state competition.

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To Open Sesquicentennial Year

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — A century and a half of Missouri statehood will be celebrated, beginning Friday, when more than 500 elected officials and dignitaries converge on the refurbished first capitol building to open Missouri's sesquicentennial year.

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Focal point of the festivity will be the two-story, brick building which housed the legislature from the winter of 1821 until the seat of government moved to Jefferson City in October 1826.

"They had shops on the ground floor and the Senate and House met upstairs," said Clarence Goellner, a long time St. Charles resident who operates a print shop across from the capitol.

"The reason they chose St. Charles is it would have been too much trouble back then for the legislators to cross the river into St. Louis," he said.

The capitol building, built in 1817, has its back to what is now Main street. The Missouri River flows a few hundred yards to the east of the capitol entrance. A center arch leads from Main Street toward the river, to the old capitol livery stable—converted into public restroom facilities.

On the north end of the building, a gas torch will be lighted Friday by Gov. Warren E. Hearnes, and will burn throughout the 150th year.

State officials chose St. Charles for the sesquicentennial celebration because it was there, in late 1821, that the first legislature was established under Gov. Alexander McNair.

The decision, however, was made amid cries that St. Louis deserved the honor.

Sen. A. Clifford Jones, R-Brentwood, led anti-St. Charles forces.

Jones said the first governor was elected in 1820 and the Constitution was approved in St. Louis on July 19, 1820.

Official statehood, though, did not begin until Aug. 10, 1821, when President James Monroe signed the document admitting the territory as the 24th state.

Jones bowed to this point and accepted an invitation to the ceremony. "I just want to be there to chuckle to myself when the state flag raises over that building," he said.

Activities get under way at 1 p.m. Friday with a two-mile parade from Lindenwood College to the riverfront capitol.

At the capitol, Hearnes will light the sesquicentennial flame, then move to the front balcony for a dedication speech formally opening the building.

Later in the afternoon, mock sessions of the first legislature will be held.

Friday night, about 600 persons are invited to a banquet at the city's Three-Flags Restaurant. Featured speaker at the affair is Lew Larkin, author and a staff member of the Kansas City Star.

The opening day will be climaxed with a 20-minute fireworks display on the Missouri River, just below the banquet site.

To finance the birthday festivities this year, Missouri has put up for sale state historical medallions, commemorative Winchester rifles and even a cook book by Betty Hearnes, wife of the governor.

Proceeds from these items, as well as a 50-cent adult admission charge to the capitol, go into a fund to support the year-long celebration.

In preparation for the sesquicentennial, St. Charles merchants spent about \$300,000 improving antique and art shops in an eight-block area south of the capitol.

The shops blend with the 1820's architectural style of large block construction, arched windows and wood-shingled roofs.

"This summer especially we're planning on a lot of business from tourists who've found out about the celebration," Goellner said.

"People from St. Louis, about 20 miles east, already are coming down here on weekends."

"Ten years ago the riverfront was a rundown, decaying section of town. Now property values are up and visitors will be pouring money into the economy. We have something to be proud of."

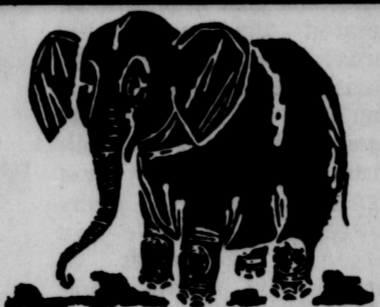
A Burglar Alarm Taken By Thieves

ELYRIA, Ohio (AP) — Thieves in nearby Grafton stole a burglar alarm system.

Artie M. Dorsey, manager of a service station, told Lorain County sheriff's deputies that when he opened the station Thursday he found the alarm's supporting straps dangling from the ceiling.

Deputies theorized that the burglars used tires within the station as a ladder to climb to the ceiling of the building and steal the \$1,000 system, complete with a built-in siren.

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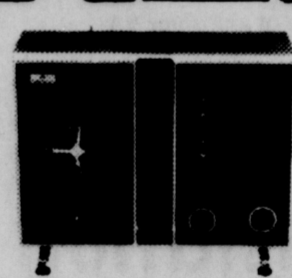
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Leonard E. Keele, chief storekeeper, U.S. Navy, right, is shown as he receives the Navy Achievement Medal from Capt. John Q. Edwards, USN, director of Naval Investigation Services, recently. Keele is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Keele, 1902 East Seventh, and in a previous cutline had been identified as being on the left.

Date Is Changed For Concert

The second concert of the 1970-71 season of the Sedalia Symphony Orchestra will be Feb. 15 instead of Feb. 22, as originally scheduled, Abe Rosenthal, orchestra conductor, has announced.

Guest artist for the concert will be David Hollander, pianist.

SURPLUS POTATOES

LONDON (AP) — Britain is facing its biggest potato glut in five years—a surplus of 950,000 tons, the Potato Marketing Board says.

If business at Western Union Telegraph Co., 212 West Seventh, doesn't improve, the firm may close its doors, it was learned last week.

The office is staffed by Mrs. Mary Ilo, Warsaw, and Mrs. Joe Whitlow, Route 2.

Mrs. Ilo has been away since November due to illness and will not be back until March, it was reported.

Although business has been declining all the time in the last 10 years, it was not until December that there was any talk of closing down, Mrs. Whitlow said.

"About 15 years ago we had

Financial Trouble For Western Union

four employees in the office and two messengers. We used to be open from 8 a.m. even as late as 10 p.m. sometimes." The office is now open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mid-Missouri Ambulance Service, 206 West Seventh, acts as Western Union's after hour agency. Mrs. Whitlow pointed out. Anyone calling Western Union between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. is answered by the ambulance service.

If the Western Union office is closed down, the ambulance service would take over whatever business is available and dispatch telegrams from 8

a.m. to 5 p.m., Mrs. Whitlow explained.

"Sedalia's telegraph file is not what it used to be," she said.

Asked what she would attribute this to, Mrs. Whitlow said, "Maybe the changing times."

Mrs. Whitlow said there had been no Western Union messenger in Sedalia for over a year.

"We have a new policy now," she said, "which says that if the sender requests delivery, a 75-cent delivery fee is charged. If delivery is not requested, we telephone the message. However, in cases where there

isn't a telephone available, we deliver," she said.

Mrs. Whitlow said that in the case of deliveries, a local taxi firm is called to carry the message.

Nothing definite is known yet about the possible closure. Mrs. Whitlow said, and added, "They have to go through a Federal Communications Commission investigation before taking any action."

She also pointed out that Kansas City Local 23 of the Telegraph Union has been trying to prevent closure. She did not know if the union would succeed, Mrs. Whitlow said.

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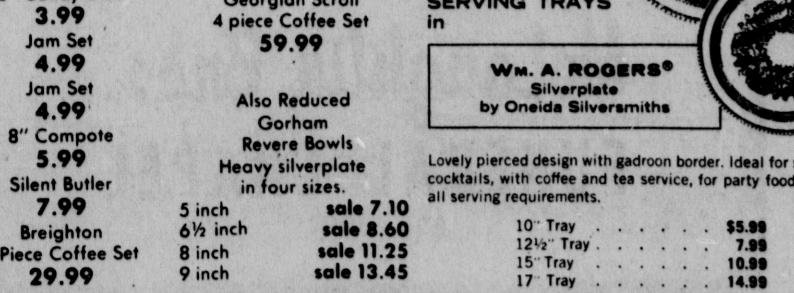
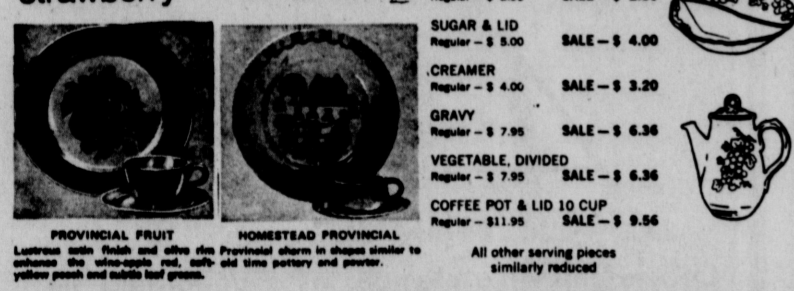
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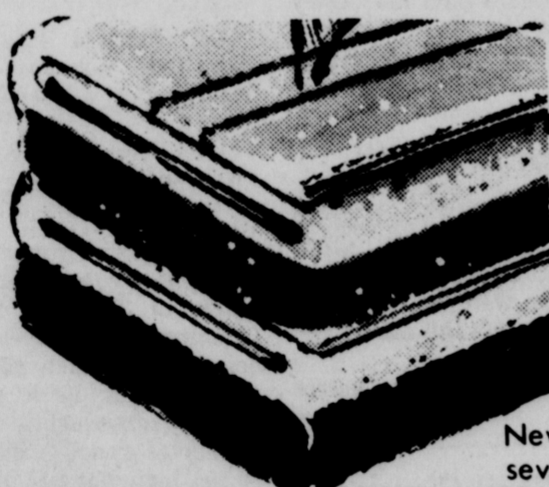
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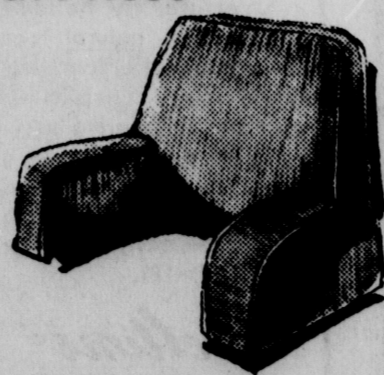
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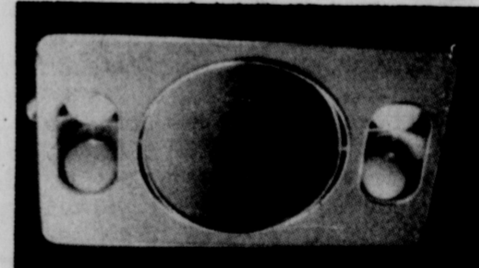
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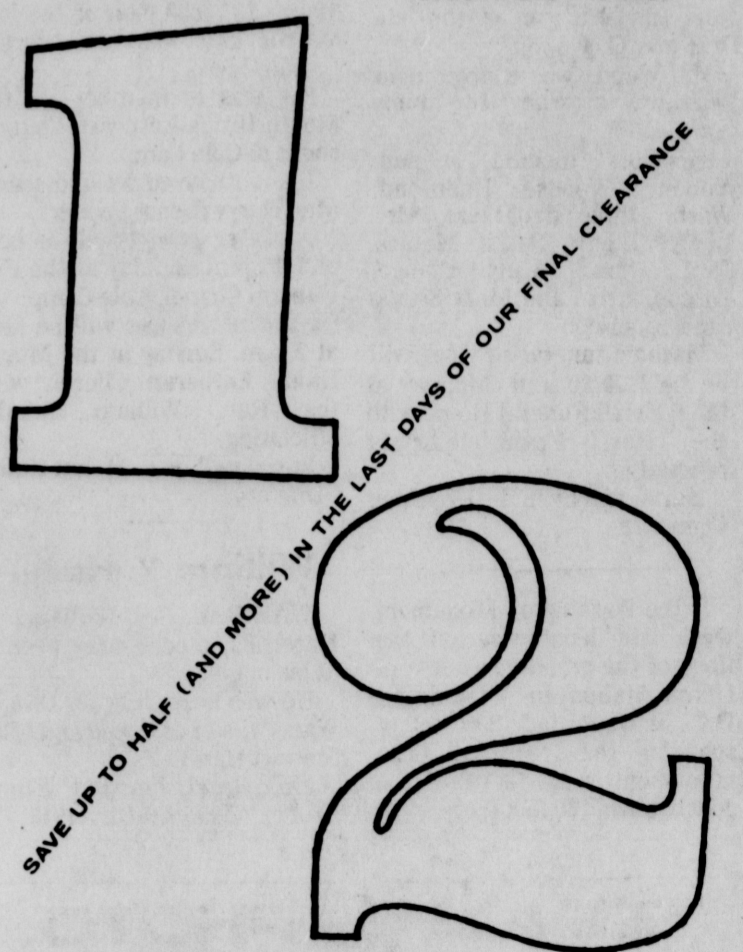
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